

## THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP FARM LABOR.

### A. Direct aid.

1. Many farm workers, especially those on strike and in areas of labor supplies, need food, clothing, utensils, and furniture.
2. Donations for these can also be raised.
3. These can be sent to S.A.L., Community Service Organizations, or to other organizations in this work, or, best of all, directly to the farm workers whom you have had first hand contact.
4. One of the most deplorable aspects of the situation is the life of children of farm workers. They need
  - a. Books and readings-few can afford these and many children must work instead of going to school.
  - b. Milk and baby foods-These are often too expensive for farm workers' families and small children must eat beans and other food which is hardly satisfying for a hardened adult, let alone a baby.
  - c. Children's clothes-Most clothes that are donated are too large for the small children.
  - d. Child care is a vital need for the children who are too young to work in the fields or go to school.

### B. Go to rural areas on weekends workcamps.

1. Work a few hours in the fields and imagine what a lifetime of it is like.
2. Ask the workers whether they want higher wages, whether they want to settle down (those who are migrant), if they would like a better life for their children to have something better, and if they have any hope for a better life.
3. Observe their housing, sanitary facilities (if any exist at all), hiring methods, wages, and the composition of the workers by age, race, sex, etc.

### C. Appear at hearings of legislative committees and executive investigators-the farm workers have few people to speak for them because they \*

1. You can find out about these by asking the Friends' Committee on Legislation, 627 Forum Building, Sacramento, or 447-7474/110
2. Give firsthand evidence of your experiences with farm workers in workcamps.
3. Express your opinions, preferably as representatives of your organizations, on conditions which you feel need improvement, on moral, humanitarian, or legal grounds.

### D. Write letters and inform people about this situation.

1. Movies and speakers are available from SCAL and AWOC.
2. Write letters to the Editor in local newspapers and to magazines and speak on programs with public participation such as KCBS's Viewpoint.
3. Write letters to public officials and legislators-We of SCAL feel it is the responsibility of our entire society, and not just the growers, to better the abominable conditions of these people.
  - a. State officials.
  - b. Your congressman and assemblyman.
  - c. members of the Legislature and House of Reps. who represent the areas that you went to.
  - d. Members of S. & HofR. Comm.

4. I don't have the leisure or money, so the rooms are filled with wealthy growers and their lawyers.

4. Talk with growers, priests, ministers, union organizers and other familiar with this situation to get different viewpoints about solutions to this problem.